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KISSIMMEE BROTHERS AND BUSINESS
ASSOCIATE FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD

Orlando, Florida - Following seven months of trial and five days of deliberations, late yesterday a federal jury in U.S. District Court found C. KEITH LAMONDA and JESSE W. LAMONDA guilty of two counts of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud and eleven counts of mail fraud in connection with their operation of Accelerated Benefits Corporation, a viatical settlement company formally located in Orlando, Florida. The jury also found C. KEITH LAMONDA guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service and making and subscribing to a false tax return. JOHN L. MAYNARD, a business associate of the LaMonda brothers and a disbarred attorney, was found guilty of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud and conspiracy to defraud the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. The maximum penalty C. KEITH LAMONDA faces is 73 years' imprisonment and a \$3.6 million fine. JESSE W. LAMONDA faces a maximum penalty of 65 years' imprisonment and a \$3.25 million fine. JOHN L. MAYNARD faces a maximum penalty of

ten years' imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine. The sentencing hearing has been scheduled for May 17, 2007 before the Hon. John Antoon II, United States District Judge.

C. KEITH LAMONDA and JESSE W. LAMONDA owned and operated Accelerated Benefits Corporation (ABC), a viatical settlement provider that purchased life insurance policies from individuals who were terminally ill and sold interests in those policies to investors. These investments were called viaticals. JOHN L. MAYNARD was the Executive Director of the LaMonda Management Family Limited Partnership, an entity controlled by C. KEITH LAMONDA and affiliated with ABC. The Indictment charged the defendants with conspiring to defraud investors by making false representations and promises about the viatical investments and diverting millions of dollars of investor funds. The evidence at trial established that the defendants promised investors that the insured's were terminally ill, guaranteed the investors that they would make a profit on their investment, and promised the investors that they would pay premiums on the life insurance policies from a trust account maintained by a trustee until the policies matured. The evidence showed that in 1999, C. KEITH LAMONDA and JOHN L. MAYNARD diverted more than \$1.2 million from the premium reserve account and invested the premium money in a failed oil and gas venture. ABC was unable to pay premiums on the life insurance policies, causing the lapse of a \$9.5 million life insurance policy. As a result, investors lost more than \$6 million on that policy.

The Indictment also charged the defendants with conspiring to defraud insurance companies by purchasing fraudulent life insurance policies and concealing the viatication of those policies by making false statements to the insurance companies. The evidence

at trial showed that ABC purchased fraudulent life insurance policies worth more than \$6 million and sold interests in those policies to investors.

In addition, C. KEITH LAMONDA and JOHN L. MAYNARD were charged with conspiring to defraud the United States by impeding the Internal Revenue Service's ability to ascertain and collect income taxes due on monies diverted from investor trust accounts and ABC's operating account. The evidence at trial established that C. KEITH LAMONDA and JOHN L. MAYNARD diverted more than \$3 million from the trust accounts and concealed the income from the Internal Revenue Service by diverting the money to accounts held in nominee names and characterizing the monies as loans or expenditures. The evidence also showed that they diverted \$261,500 from ABC's operating account and concealed the income by diverting it to an account held in a nominee name, creating an offshore entity and characterizing the income as a loan from the offshore entity. C. KEITH LAMONDA was also charged with filing a false partnership tax return on which he reported the \$3 million of diverted funds as a loan from a trust account instead of income.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen L. Gable of the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division and David J. Ignall of the United States Department of Justice, Tax Division.